

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 1986.09.00.a

**DATE:** September 1986

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** An 18-year-old.

**BACKGROUND**

**ENVIRONMENT:** John Crisp, assistant chief of the county beach patrol, said the heavy concentration of baitfish extends several miles out to sea. The water is so murky that it is not easy to see sharks in the waist-deep water. "When the water is cloudy, the predators come in to feed and they can mistake a hand or foot for a small bait fish," he said.

**NARRATIVE:** No details.

**INJURY:** Hand bitten

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

**SOURCED:** Pat LaMee, Orlando Sentinel, September 20, 1986, page D3  
Al Truesdell, Orlando Sentinel, December 12, 1986, page A1

